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Christmas collection

A holiday gesture

► 'Times Asks' response from last week inspires acts of kindness

Kris Dubé
The Times

The generosity of two Times readers is making a young girl's Christmas wish come true.

Every week, the Times asks four different residents a question, for what is known in the news business as a "streeter" and is always on the opinion page.

The editorial staff asked students at Crystal Beach Public School last week what they were hoping to see under the tree on Christmas morning.

Katie Adair, a grade eight student, responded saying "Sabres tickets, it doesn't matter who they're playing."

Little did she know that wish will be a reality in the new year not only once but twice thanks to the thoughtfulness of two residents.

On Monday, the Times was contacted by Randy Winger and Marge Ott on separate occasions, asking how they could get in touch with the young hockey fan and her family because they both had something for her... tickets for two upcoming games.



Last Saturday, the Fort Erie Jr. Meteors minor bantam travel team went door-to-door in Crescent Park and the Concession Road area collecting food for Community Outreach Program Erie. Several items were also donated by the St. Michael's Catholic Church soup kitchen. The team gathered at the Leisureplex after the charitable mission.

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Season's Greetings



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Crystal Beach Public School student Katie Adair, left and Randy Winger after the young hockey fan found out she will be attending two Buffalo Sabres games in the new year.

Mother astonished by generosity of both residents

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On Tuesday, the caring individuals dropped the tickets off to Katie's mother Lisa Mealing, who is also employed at Crystal Beach Public School.

The thankful mother was beaming with appreciation for this act of kindness and became emotional when explaining her thoughts on the gesture.

"They don't know what they've done, they are so generous," she said.

Especially around Christmas time, finances can be a struggle for a lot of people and the appreciative mother said the cost of the tickets isn't something she and her husband would have been able to afford even though this is something their daughter truly wanted.

"I want to send them the biggest thank you I can... they're making something come true for her that I can't do as a parent," said Mealing.

She said there is no personal connection between

her family and Winger or Ott. And for that reason, she is astounded by their kindness.

"I don't know either of them and for both to do this out of the kindness of their own heart is amazing," she said.

Although reluctant at first to provide comment for a story because he didn't do it for the accolades, Winger said spreading goodwill this time of year is something he strongly believes in, including the Bible's message of loving your neighbour.

"It's a reminder during the holiday season of how important it is to give back, even if it is to someone you don't know," said Winger.

"Just thought it would be a nice opportunity to help out."

Marge Ott, said she was a huge hockey fan when she was Katie's age and considering she is a season ticket holder, there are enough games to go around for everyone.

"I don't need to go to every game, it's just a gift from one hockey fan to another," said Ott.

Although shy, the Sabres fanatic said she is very excited for both games.

"This is really awesome," she said.

On Jan. 13, she will watch the Sabres and her favourite player Ryan Miller take on the Carolina Hurricanes thanks to Winger. The tickets given by Ott will put Adair right next to the action as the Sabres take on the St. Louis Blues on Feb. 18.

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Jarvis St. has been busy of late. Many diners and visitors at our local coffee shops and cafes fill the street with excitement. Oatworth Fort Erie comes alive with incredible holiday cheer. The new shops and eateries have experienced a break business since our first opening. The Holiday Season is a welcoming site in Greater Fort Erie!

We at The Old Bank Bistro have been blessed with countless Christmas Parties that we extended our party season into January. Our private function room has been a great success this Holiday Season.

Many groups have also migrated to our restaurant from all over the Niagara Region and Western New York. Marketing initiatives and word of mouth has allowed us to be a true Christening Destination through the holidays!

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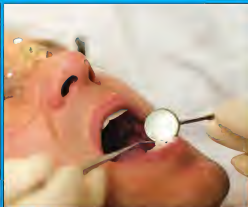
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Ask a Dentist

Q: Is there a dental appliance for snoring and sleep apnea?

A: Relocation of the throat muscles brought on by alcohol, medication, weight gain, use of a blocked nose or the most common cause of snoring. If a complete closure of the throat occurs it can result in repeated episodes of stopped breathing, known as apnea. There are a number of methods to treat the problem ranging from surgery, fixed oral appliances (Paw) and dental appliances. Such appliances can be comfortable and are able to snore through the night that prevent the soft tissue from collapsing and obstructing the airway. Although oral appliances do not work for everybody they can be effective if the patient can tolerate wearing it all night.

Anyone interested in snoring or sleep apnea treatment should talk to their physician and have an overnight sleep study to confirm the diagnosis and determine severity. Such appliances are not for everyone and often take considerable time and effort to wear them consistently. Most often a physician may be necessary before comfort and effectiveness are achieved. Oral appliances are not the only method of treating snoring and sleep apnea, but if you are interested you should together through your dentist and physician.



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Ask a Business Counselor

Q: Where do business ideas come from?

A: Business ideas can come from many different sources such as training and work experiences, deciding to turn a hobby into a full-time venture, or deciding to become a distributor for a product line. Business ideas are also inspired through customer experience such as products not being available locally or are less than adequate.

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A: Depending on your age and income the following list of benefits and credits are directly related to your annual filing of a tax return:

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- Ontario child benefit
- GST/HST tax credit
- Ontario sales tax credit
- Ontario sales tax transitional benefit (2009)
- Ontario Senior Homeowners' property tax grant
- CPP or EI overpayment refunds
- Working income tax benefit
- Property tax/crédit

ALWAYS check to see whether you should be filing a tax return, you could be missing these and other benefits.



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Ask an Automotive Service Technician

Q: How can I prevent my car from being stolen?

A: No matter how many precautions you take, your car can still get stolen. No one wants to be the victim of car theft, but there are some tips to a number:

- Never leave your keys in the ignition on an unattended car. You may just be running in for a quart of milk, but that's enough time for a thief to hit.
- Don't buy your keys to your identification. If you lose your keys, the thief will know where you live and could come to steal your car.
- If your car is being parked by an area, only give your ignition key so that they do not have access to the trunk.

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Q: Do many men get their hair professionally colored?

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Ask A Computer Technician

Q: How do I upgrade to Windows 7 from Windows XP?

A: Unfortunately, you can't use the upgrade button in Windows XP to migrate to Windows 7. Instead you have to perform a custom installation, which can mean formatting the hard drive. Windows XP is installed on and running again from scratch. You will probably discover that the Upgrade Advisor finds a number of problems with your hardware device and software programs so expect to spend a lot of time checking for driver and program updates.

This means that it's vital that you back up your key files and settings before you start the Windows 7 installation process. You can use the Windows Easy Transfer and find this in the support page for the Windows 7 DVD on your Windows 7 disc to do this, but if you have enough back up space we also recommend making a full-size backup of your entire hard drive. Contact us at Tech Services Niagara for your support questions.

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Q: I am having emotional difficulty dealing with a death, can you help?

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Ask the Chiropractor

Q: What is all the fuss lately about vitamin D?

A: Like many vitamins and minerals, vitamin D has been overhyped for years as a viable solution to many of our health problems. Only recently has the medical community begun to understand how useful and versatile vitamin D really is. Not only is vitamin D important for absorption of calcium to help build strong bones, studies have shown that a daily intake of vitamin D between 1000-1500 IU have been linked to lowered risk for heart disease, colon and breast cancer, influenza and even asthma attacks. This may not be the tip of the iceberg when looking at how vitamin D can help improve your health.

Although some foods are fortified with vitamin D, it's hard to get 1000 IU through diet alone. And don't think that you're getting enough from the sun any way up here in Canada. During winter months, the vitamin D created from sun exposure is almost none. So be sure to supplement with at least 1000 IU of good quality vitamin D daily, especially during the winter.

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Ask a Pharmacist

Q: What is "MediCheck"?

A: This service has been available at your local pharmacy for a couple of years now. If you are on three or more prescription medications, you may make an appointment with your pharmacist to discuss your medications. The pharmacist will check for you what your medications are, when and how to take it, and if there are any interactions between your medications and supplements. At the end of your appointment, you receive a list of your current medications that you can bring with you to another health care provider, or to the hospital.

This service is free with a valid health card. It is the difficult managing multiple medications and the MediCheck program is an excellent service that can answer all of your medication questions. Ontario residents are now eligible for the MediCheck at Home Program. Patients can call their local pharmacy and request a pharmacist visit from at their home. This program is typically for elderly patients not able to attend the pharmacy regularly. The pharmacist can assess patient's at home and ensure proper disposal of unused and/or expired medication.

If you are concerned about how well a person, or people you are caring for is managing their medications, with their permission, you may request this service for them.

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Ask a Contractor

Q: What steps can I take to make my home more comfortable for the winter season?

A: As the seasons change and temperatures get colder it's important to read all sources of drafts. Simple projects like caulking around windows, replacing old weather stripping and door sweeps is a great start. Other tasks like ensuring proper attic insulation (and ventilation), replacing old windows or insulating your unfinished basement will help make your and your home more comfortable this winter.



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our editorial

Be responsible during the holiday season

The following is a message that needs to be heard loud and clear, especially with our younger readers.

It's no secret that this time of year is also the time for social gatherings with alcohol involved.

Friends are home from college and university or from their lives in other parts of the country.

There will be a plenty of reunions and celebrations because of this and we want to make sure everyone gets together but enjoys themselves responsibly.

If you know before you leave the house you will be indulging, then leave your car at home or make arrangements to pick it up the next day from where you will be "tied up one."

Not only will you feel better about yourself, but your friends and family certainly will appreciate it.

The Times also appreciates it,

because to be honest, writing about tragedies any time of the year, but especially during the holiday season is something we prefer not to be obligated to do.

Even if you are driving somewhere in what could be considered unfavourable weather conditions, please use caution and realize that your friends and family would prefer you arriving at their party ten minutes late, opposed to not at all.

We hope our young readers will realize there is no shame in being responsible and admitting that driving a car might not be in your best interest, or your family's for that matter.

So, here is to hoping that everyone, young and old, will cherish the moments they experience this holiday season and do it in a responsible fashion.

-Kris Dubé



Do You Remember?

A warm season's thanks to Mark Strugar and his dad Nick as well as to David Wolff and his mom Mary Ann for identifying last week's photo taken at a Kinetite pre-convention rally.

The women sporting jockey silks from the Ontario Jockey Club are in the bottom row from left to right: Dorothy Furtney and Sandy Miller.

In the top row from left to right are Terry Strugar and Lois Payne. Dorothy Furtney was campaigning as District 1 Kinetite Coordinator which is the same as governor today. The other women would have formed her executive had they won the election. The photo was taken around 1975 in Fort Erie as Ridgeway - Crystal Beach did not yet

have a club of their own.

This week's photo features three ladies stuffing a giant Christmas stocking. There is one name on the back, Ellie Bosma. Can anyone tell us which one she is, the names of the other ladies or anything more about the photo? Please call the Museum at (905) 894-5322 or e-mail museum@forterie.on.ca.

A great holiday story the Times is proud to have



Kris Dubé
Editor's Notebook

This is the type of Christmas story people want to read about.

As you have likely already seen page one and two of this week's issue, a young girl has been given the opportunity to go to two Buffalo Sabres games, thanks the warm and generous hearts of two local residents.

On Tuesday, I went to Crystal Beach Public School, where she is a stu-

dent and also where her mother works, when one of the generous individuals dropped off his contribution to the young sports fan.

It truly was a great moment to witness.

Her mother was rightfully overcome with emotion and it made me feel proud to live in a small

town where something like this is possible. Even though they didn't know each other, it wasn't difficult to track the student down. It only took a phone call to your favourite local newspaper to connect both parties and make this Christmas miracle come true. Well, it's not really a miracle, but I hope you get

my point.

It also made me proud to know that we at the Times played an integral role in making this happen.

If we didn't attend Crystal Beach Public School last week and randomly pick this young lady for a Times Asks response, this never would

have happened because she wouldn't have had the opportunity to tell all of Greater Fort Erie what she wanted for Christmas.

We're glad we could help... that's for sure. If you would like to leave me feedback, call me at (905) 871-3100 ext. 207 or email me at editorial@forterietimes.com.

opinion page

Set realistic New Year's resolutions, says reader

Dear Editor,

People around the world will make resolutions at midnight on New Year's Eve. Filled with champagne and big dreams, most will rethink their decisions the next day. Low blood sugar, lack of sleep and a general feeling of "holiday overload" will send many people into the land of all or nothing.

"No more sugar, no more cigarettes, exercise everyday from now on," will be just a sampling of personal proclamations heard around the town.

Will it work, probably not. Is it possible to make positive changes in your life?

Absolutely, but you must

set sensible, realistic goals to work toward over time, with the ultimate goal being a long lasting lifestyle change!

Some people may begin this journey alone, others may find support, do what is best for you. Just know that your health is a gift, without it life is a challenge physically, mentally and emotionally. If you are ready to make a change in 2011, look inside yourself.

Imagine a life full of energy, waking each morning ready to tackle whatever life throws at you. No more days spent dragging your tired body.

Imagine a spring in your step, less pain and a good night's sleep.

Visualize the energy need-

ed to keep up with your children or grandchildren and how cool it would be to ask them to play with you!

Just imagine energy to spare at the end of the day! I challenge you to make 2011 your year. Let's take pride in our "Home Town Health."

Let's reduce diabetes, heart disease and get a handle on obesity.

It can be done there is no down side to this plan. All it takes is you and your commitment to a better life, a life full of vitality and energy.

The possibilities are endless when you are healthy and in control of your life! Just imagine.

Rebecca Parton
Fort Erie

The TIMES Asks

Are you looking forward to the holiday season ending, or will you be sad to see it go?



Margaret Baskerville

"I'm inbetween, I'll miss getting together with people."



Steve Simon

"The holidays are always nice when they're around, but it's nice when they're over, then you can start the new year."



Ninette Moran

"I love the holidays, but I'm fine with them ending because I enjoy the cycle of seasons and it's time for a new cycle to start."



Cory Spada

"The part of the holiday season I'll miss the most is sharing it with family and friends."

What do you think?

E-mail: editorial@forterietimes.com or call 905-871-3100, ext. 207

Fort Erie 'missed an opportunity'

Dear Editor,

I have just read comments in the Fort Erie Times offered by Mr. Richard Dimberio regarding what he referred to as the "Anti Development and Progress League" of Fort Erie and I have to say that I concur with his remarks.

I believe a good example of this was at the PC Niagara Riding nomination where I could not believe that the defeated Fort Erie candidate and her supporters, presumably several Fort Erie voters, would throw their votes behind the Niagara-on-the-Lake

candidate instead of the remaining Fort Erie candidate.

In spite of my disbelief and disappointment, I thought that perhaps there must have been ample cause for this but so far, I have not been able to ascertain any.

I too, have to conclude that this must be another example of the petty thinking of the "Anti" group that seems to be continually against any new ideas brought forth in this town.

If there is a "revenge" factor in their treatment of Mr. Annunziata, a former local councillor, I would chal-

lenge representatives of this group to publicly state what these issues might be.

Equally concerning to several people that I have talked to is that they had supported and voted for the defeated mayoral candidate who we are told, was at the front of the anti-Annunziata line.

This certainly suggests a revenge motive that certainly does not benefit Fort Erie in regards to efforts on gaining our hospital and other endeavours that the provincial government might have supported us on, particularly if Tim Hudak were to become our

next premier.

I realize and would be the first to agree that everyone should have freedom of choice on who they support and who they vote for but it just seems to me that Fort Erie missed a great opportunity to accomplish something and instead we come across as a community that is small-minded and petty in its thinking.

If I am in error on any of my comments, I would appreciate correction, as this is only my opinion.

Robert Culp
Fort Erie

Recount should get support

Dear Editor,

Our new council does not appear to agree that every vote needs to be counted for they have not opposed the manual recount of votes for mayor.

Vote tabulating machines have their limitations, they may not count votes that do not take up 15-20 per cent of the ballot.

I understand that Thorold and Grimsby councils are not opposing a manual recount but are consenting to the recount. This makes the process much simpler and cheaper. The situations are similar, in Thorold the mayor won by three votes. They also

did a recount by the vote tabulating machines and found an additional seven votes. The outcome did not change but a manual recount will now be done to ensure every mark in the oval is counted, and things may change.

I do wonder what is the problem, if the ballots are blank nothing changes if they are marked they should be counted. This should have been an easy decision. Why the taxpayers are have to pay legal fees for the process is a question I hope someone on council will answer.

Joyce Lea
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Traffic By-law No. 2000-89, Section 205 provides that "No person shall park a vehicle or permit a vehicle to remain parked" on any street in Town "between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. between November 1, 2010 and March 31, 2011."

The Towns By-law Enforcement Officers will be exercising vigilant enforcement of By-law No. 2000-89. **Your vehicle will be issued a parking ticket and could be towed, at your expense, if found in violation of the by-law.**

Enquiries may be directed to the Town's By-law Enforcement Officers by calling (905) 871-1600, Extension 2216 (Geoff Stephenson) or Extension 2215 (Jack Cox).



(2) DO YOU HAVE UNPAID PARKING FINES?

If you have received a parking ticket issued by the Town of Fort Erie and have not paid the fine please be advised of the following:

The Town of Fort Erie will shortly be forwarding all unpaid parking ticket fines to the Ministry of Transportation for plate denial. Parking fines and all administrative charges that have been incurred by a vehicle will be attached by the MTO to the respective vehicle licence plate. When it is time to renew the vehicle licence plate sticker, the owner will be denied the licence plate until all outstanding vehicle fines and fees are paid in full. The MTO will also add a \$20 administrative fee.

If you wish to pay the parking fine and costs prior to it being forwarded to the MTO please contact the Town of Fort Erie at 905-871-1600 or visit Town Hall. Once unpaid fines are forwarded for plate denial the Town cannot accept Payment.

(3) WINTER IS OFFICIALLY HERE!

The public is encouraged to keep the following in mind regarding their private and/ or public property:

1. Parents and guardians, please be aware of where your children are playing. Snow banks can be dangerous for children due to restricted sightlines for motorists and snowplows.
2. Contractors/ Residents plowing parking lots or driveways should NOT push the snow onto sidewalks, roads, neighbour's boulevards or into ditches. This can impair sightlines for pedestrians and motorists and may also prevent adequate water flow in ditches.
3. Check your sump pump discharge pipe to ensure it is clear of snow and functioning properly.
4. If you have a catchbasin or fire hydrant in front of your residence, please do not pile snow on it or impede its operation.
5. If your driveway culvert is exposed, check to make sure it is open and clear of debris to prevent flooding.

The Town of Fort Erie appreciates its residents and business owners' patience and assistance throughout the winter season. If you notice any particular issue or problem areas please call the Town's Operations Centre at (905) 871-1600 or email us at infrastructure@forterie.on.ca

(4) SUGARBOWL PARK OFF-LEASH DOG AREA IS OPEN



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Parking is available on Gilmore Road.

Pursuant to By-law 135-10, dogs are permitted off-leash in the designated off-leash area of Sugarbowl Park, and on-leash (maximum 6' length) in Sugarbowl Park, Battle of Ridgeway Park and on the Friendship Trail.



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Tim Hortons Holiday Free Skate

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Thursday, January 6th - 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Friday, January 7th 8:00 - 10:00 pm \$2.50/person

'Tis the season



Every holiday season, the Ridgeway-Crystal Beach (RCB) Kinmen Club, along with the Fort Erie and Stevensville Kinettes raise money for 20 needy families in the Ridgeway-Crystal Beach area, buying food from Joe's Val-U-Mart at a discounted price. On Wednesday, Santa Claus, left, store owner Joe Zucarelli and RCB Kinmen president Marc Zucarelli, in the holiday spirit, get ready to ship the items out into the community. Both local Kinmen branches held their annual Gift of Love program, which the Times will have more coverage of next week.

Take a dip with the CBIA

Are you one of those people who think the backyard pool should still be open and that there are plenty of swimming days left? If you fit into this odd category, then perhaps the second annual Polar Bear Dip and Chili Challenge, hosted by the Crystal-Beach

Business Improvement Area (BIA), just might be the event for you.

On Saturday Jan. 8, at 12 p.m. at the Berrie Boat Club on Point Abino Road an expected large crowd of brave individuals who like it cold will take the plunge into Lake Erie.

The event will then spice up a bit with a chili challenge and organizers are hoping more people will come forward and enter their recipe. Last year, there were 13 different recipes up for tasting.

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Have you HEARD?
by Alanna Hiffing, M.D.C.
Hearing & Hearing
Audiologist

MP3 HEARING LOSS
Users of MP3 players (and iPods) should note that listening to music on these devices for just an hour can cause temporary hearing loss. Using an objective measure, researchers recorded damage to the hair cells in the inner ear that was 4.70 times more likely after an hour of listening with earbuds (5.88 times more with headphones) than among non-users. While these hearing losses were temporary, and MP3 users seemed to recover their sound sensitivity between listening sessions, the study's findings do show that MP3 players adversely affect hearing. Whether there are long-term consequences to listening to music pumped directly into the ears is an unanswered question as yet. MP3 users are urged to err on the side of caution.

Discovering and acknowledging there is a hearing problem is the first step toward correcting it. The next step is turning to an audiologist for comprehensive examination, evaluation, and determination of the best approach to the impairment. Are you thinking there might be a problem with your hearing? Would you like to learn more about today's advanced technology in hearing instruments? We can help you address these issues and others at Hear Again BALANCE & HEARING Clinics, 680 Garrison Road, Unit 10. We can be reached at 905-871-4442. Office hours are M-F, 9am to 5pm. Please visit our website at www.hearagainclinics.com.

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Pursuant to Ontario Regulation 133/92 Section 6

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Take Notice that on August 10, 2010, a burial site (dating from the 19th century) containing the remains of nine individuals were identified. Also, ten loci of isolated remains were identified at the above location, and was reported to the Registrar of the *Cemeteries Act (Revised)*.

The Registrar hereby gives notice of the intention to declare the site an "Unapproved Cemetery", and invites representatives of the persons whose remains may be interred in the former cemetery to contact the Registrar within two weeks after December 25, 2010.

Dated at Toronto, this 18th day of December, 2010.

Michael D'Mello
Registrar, *Cemeteries Act (Revised)*
Cemeteries Regulation Unit
Ministry of Consumer Services
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Toronto, ON M7A 2E5
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Town warns of water sampling scam

The Town of Fort Erie has once again been fielding calls from residents who say they have been visited by door-to-door sales people who are attempting to gain access into their homes, under the pretense of needing to conduct water sampling tests.

Roughly a dozen reports have been brought to the attention of the Town so far, enough to get the word out there about what is going on.

"There have been enough reports to cause concern," said chief administrative officer, Harry Schlange.

"When you get two, three in and start to see a pattern you want to get the information out."

With some of the reported instances, sales people have identified themselves as employees of the Town, something that should raise concern right away for residents.

The Town says that they do not normally solicit residents and that if anyone comes to their door saying they are a Town employee it should "be a red light to be suspicious."

The basis of the scam is that the sales people are trying to sell water purification systems, trying to persuade residents with water tests and results that the water you are getting from your tap is of poor quality.

Police find fake gun on transit bus

On Tuesday, uniform patrol members of no. 5 district were alerted by a passenger that a suspicious male was traveling on the local transit bus, carrying a handgun on

his person. Within moments police located and safely stopped the bus, removing the suspect male without incident. The suspect male was found to be in possession

and secreting an imitation firearm.

Charged with Possession of a Weapon Dangerous to the Public Peace, is a 49-year-old male from Ridgeway.

Sign up for the Chili Challenge

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Like last year's event, dipsers will also be able to warm up in a hot tub. If three 'dips' are completed by one or more people "official dipper" certificates will be awarded, says one of the event's organizers Phil Smith.

Cost to participate is five dollars for both a dip and a chili challenge and the same price for passing on the frigid swim.

"We threw in the dip for free," said Smith who also pointed out the Bertie Boat Club will be open for business for the day too.

Last year, over 300 people attended and it is hoped to be even bigger this time around.

To enter the chili competition, you can contact Gord at gmaljkovic@sympatico.

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Deaths

MURRAY, Joan Corrine - At St. Pelagia Hospital, in Hamilton, on December 19, 2010, Joan Corrine Murray (nee Dickerson), peacefully passed away, surrounded by her family and sharing love, tears, and laughter. Beloved wife of the late Tom Murray (1992). Loving mother of Connie Lavette-Wilford of Bradford, Debra Douglas (Keith) of Niagara Falls, Terri Pettit (Paul) of Ancaster, and Carl Mamo (Corinne) of Fort Erie. Cherished grandmothers of Carolyn, Ceryn, Megan, David, Brennae, Jade, Taylor, and Jordyn. Loving G.G. of many great-grandchildren. Sister of Tom (Diane), Mike, Debbie, Kathy and Dennis (Kim). Step-grandmother of many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Predeceased by her stepson Johnny (1978), brother Bernard (2007) and great grandson Jake (1995). Dear sister of Beverly. Joan was an avid golfer and longtime member of Rio Vista Golf Club. She will be missed by her many friends at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 71 Fort Erie, where she was recognized as Member of the Year and enjoyed dates, snooker and volunteered as the Treasurer for many years. Many thanks to Dr. Peter Ellis and Nurse Sally of the Juniorville Cancer Centre and Dr. Beverly Hattersley and her phenomenal team at St. Pelagia Palliative Care unit. These are exceptional professionals who treated Joan with the dignity and respect she deserved in her final days. Visitation was held at the HAMMOND-DAVIDSON FUNERAL HOME, 21 Wilmhurst Street, Fort Erie, on Wednesday, December 22 from 7-9 p.m. A memorial service was held on Thursday, December 23, at 1:00 p.m. Cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the YWCA Hamilton, an organization that supports women and their families. Online condolences at www.hammond-davidsonfunerals.com

If tears could build a staircase, and memories a tale, I'd walk right up to heaven and bring you home again.

Deaths



NAPPER, Brad - (Sept. 28th, 1960 - Dec. 21st, 2010) - Brad passed away peacefully with the family at his side at the Hamilton General Hospital at the age of 50 on Tuesday December 21st, 2010. Left to mourn his loss is his Soul Mate Josie Napper. Father of Ryan, stepfather of Catherine & Alex as well as his dog Sabie. Predeceased by son Justin. Cherished son of Bill & Jacqueline Napper. Sadly missed by Sam & Rhina Furnusa "Bro" to Debbie (Rob), Sharmaine (Ron), Jesse (Jessie), also survived by his brothers and sisters in law & the extended Furnusa family. Uncle "B" to Sabrina (Dave), Isaac & Sophie, Karl (Deanna), Tyler & Jacolene (Dean), Jesse, Jessica & Alden. Best Buddy to George & Suzanne. Also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews and nieces. Brad owned Uncle B's and had so many friends, too many to mention. Brad's friend's children will mourn his loss forever... He was their special friend. Thanks to all of our special friends and family that were there to get us through the worst day of our lives... We love you all! BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES 1105 Benner Ave Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. A service to celebrate Brad's life will be held on Sunday December 28th, at 11 am in Benner Funeral Chapel. In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate donations to "Dreams to Memories"

PRYS, Dirk Aart (Dick) - Passed away peacefully at the Greater Niagara General Hospital, Friday December 17th, 2010, at his 88th year. Favourite Uncle and beloved friend of many friends by his parents Christian and Sandrina Prys, his brother Aart Prys, his Sister Silen Prys (Nijboer), Dear uncle of John Prys, Dina Prys (Bakker), Wilma Prys (Schell), Hanne Nijboer on Ben Nijboer. He will be sadly missed by his companion Cora Konig and long-time friends Vies and Al Pol and dearly missed by all who have worked for him, with him and sometimes against him. At Dick's request cremation has taken place and a private family interment has been held. Arrangements entrusted to NIGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES, 905-894-0102.

SHARPLES, Laurel - At the St. Catherine's General Hospital on Sunday, December 19th, 2010, in her 72nd year. Loving mother of Jim and Steve Johnson, Debbie (Rob), Dan and Dave Johnson. Granny of 6 grandchildren and one great-grandson. Dear sister of Steve Sharples and the late Susan Sharples. Private family arrangements entrusted to the HAMMOND-DAVIDSON FUNERAL HOME, Fort Erie. In memoriam donations to the Hemophilia Society of Ontario would be appreciated by the family. Online condolences at www.hammond-davidsonfunerals.com

In memoriam



In memory of Edward Leyerer

Often a deep blow by the wind Falls on the ocean and sinks below. The seas rest, when'er I feel low. The imprint of his touch stays behind. And so with life, what'er its kind, It changes a place, its dustrest so. If in peace or turmoil I should go, Its influence lives, as was destined. Your wife Dorine



In Memory of Reilly

On that fateful night, God came to you and said, "I'm choosing you and no one else instead."

A thought unimaginable to you asked God why? He said you're an angel and you can't deny.

God closed his arms around you and your heartbeat became still. Leaving us broken and in tears, but with great memories of you at our hearts to fill.

We will keep you forever in our hearts and always in our mind. Vividly remembering your liveliness, your love and love, that was never so kind.

As we give our last goodbye we will weep and we will cry. But know that you're watching over us, our angel in the sky.

By Ryan Otazo XO

There are no better words to describe our loss and your gifts to all of us. Reilly, We can only thank God for our short time together, we now know that you were only a born from heaven...

Missing you forever. Mom, Dad, Karan XO

Reilly Anzovino-Kennedy

What though the bright light which was once so bright. Be now for ever taken from my sight. Though nothing can bring back the hour Of splendor in the grass, of glory in the flower. We will grive not, rather find Strength in what remains behind. Sadly missed by Grandparents, John and Phyllis Kennedy

In memoriam



In Memory of Reilly-Lynn Kennedy Anzovino

Reilly, you are still giving to you when your life just began. You have had such an impact on our family, friends and your community. You have an inner beauty and outer beauty and were like a magnet, entering a room. You're warm, smile and positive outlook so very through your years, and loved so greatly. A tribute to you Reilly, who is so important in our lives and never fully acknowledged until now.

Heaven and Earth they have collided
And Earth has lost the war
Heaven took with it an angel
Earth will mourn forever more
Mother Nature played her hand in this
Surely at God's request
For his angels up in Heaven
He call upon Earth's best.

Our chain it has been broken
And it's lost the chain so bright
Fallen like a soldier.

Robbed, one cold dark winter's night
You're dangling arms that wrapped around
Our family like a glove
Your gift of laughter, gift of light
Known for your infectious hugs and tireless
friendship to all
Reilly we'd move Heaven and Earth to have
you, just one more day.
Heaven's new unsung hero
To you at night we pray.

Peace and love be with you
Faith on Heaven's bright
Hugs to you in Heaven
And Sweet dreams to you each night.

We love you Reilly always.
We hope will never be the same.

Written by Aunt Lynn

Remembered by all your family and friends
XO

In memoriam

MARTIN, Stephen - In memory of a dear brother-in-law and uncle who left us 10 years ago on December 23, 2000.

We remember and cherish the happy times together.
Remembering them today and forever.

-Remembered with love by Bryan, Ann, Bryanne & Bryce

Reilly Anzovino

I love you Reilly,
See you in my dreams,
Until we meet again.
Forever yours, Aunt Crazy

In memoriam



Dan Pocknell

In loving memory of a dear Dad at Christmastime and always.
We miss you now, our hearts are sore,
As time goes by we miss you more.
Your loving smile, your gentle face,
No one call till your vacant place.

Love,
Crystal, Brian, Alana, Destiny and Paddy.

Oh, for the touch of a vanished hand,
And the sound of a voice that is still.

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Reflection

The Holidays allow each of us to reflect on the importance of friends and family.

To the many within our community that have entrusted us with funeral services, we sincerely thank you.

To everyone who has experienced a loss, it is our hope that during this holiday season you will find hope and strength.

Respectfully,

Darren Flagg

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In memoriam



Evelyn Cameron

In loving memory of a dear wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great grandmother, who passed away November 1st, 2010.
No presents to give you.
No wishes remain.
Only the heartache,
Of not having you near.

Lovingly remembered by husband Dan, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

In memoriam

Gloria Matthews
Christmas always brings back memories
Of wonderful times we knew,
A day together with family.
Because, dear Mother, we had you.
Lovingly remembered at this special time by your husband Frank, your children, Lynda (Don), Lynn (Rick), Kathy (Ervin), Cindy, Franky, Mike (Beth) and Liz (Ken), your cherished grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In memoriam

Jeann Morningstar

1935 - 2003
We cannot bring back the cold days
When families were all together,
But silent tears and loving thoughts
Will live with us forever.
With tender love and sweet regret,
We love you now, never forget.
At Christmas time and always.
Loving you always, your husband Ron, Ron (Angie, Emma), Sherry (Jim, Michael, Travis), Scott (Julie, Maria, Payton)



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